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Title: Need to set up one of the proposed five Universities providing for admission of 50% students of minority community in Vellore Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI ABDUL RAHMAN (VELLORE): Vellore is the district in Tamil Nadu having more than five lakhs minority people out of whom sixty percent are backward in socio-economic terms. Their livelihood is mostly based on their employment in tannery industries and beedi works. As there are very few educational institutions for higher studies in this area, these people are facing challenges as they cannot afford fee-structure due to their poor economic condition. The drop-out rate among them is very high due to their economic condition.

The Government has recently announced that there is a plan to set up five universities in different States with as much as 50 percent reservation for the minorities. The Ministry of Minority Affairs had stated that the socio-economic backwardness would be the key determinant for the reservation as per Article 15 and 16 of the Constitution. My constituency Vellore would fulfill eligibility criteria in this regard.

Since the above demand is very much legitimate and the same is the need of the hour, I strongly appeal to the Government of India to set up the said University in my constituency Vellore in Tamil Nadu.